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SUBJ: STATUS OF WTDRS ALLEGEDLY NOT RECEIVED

REF: USDOC 02103

1. STATUS OF WTDR'S CITED IN REFTEL GIVEN BELOW:

(A) PHILIPS MOYEN ORIENT: FIRM RETURNED OUR QUESTIONNAIRE LATE AND INCOMPLETE. FSL COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST IS FOLLOWING UP WITH VISIT TO FIRM'S PRESIDENT; WE WILL SEND COMPLETE WTDR NEXT WEEK.

(B) AWWA CO: WE INFORMED USDOC 12/9/76 (DAMASCUS 8417) WE COULD FIND NO TRACE OF THIS FIRM AND HAD CEASED INVESTIGATION.

(C) WAMACO TRADING AND CONSULTING OFFICE: WTDR SENT USDOC 1/18/77 (DAMASCUS 0360).

(D) SYRIAN ECONOMICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CO: WE HAVE TWICE INFORMED USDOC (11/26/76 DAMASCUS 8179, AND 12/9/76 DAMASCUS 8417) THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE THIS FIRM AND HAVE CEASED INVESTIGATION.

(E) GEORGES W. SAMUEL: WTDR SENT TO USDOC 2/7/77 UNCLASSIFIED

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(DAMASCUS 0833).

2. GIVEN THE STATUS OF (B), (C), AND (D) ABOVE, WE REQUEST THAT USDOC MORE CAREFULLY REVIEW EMBASSY DAMASCUS'S WTDR-RELATED CABLES BEFORE SENDING US "WTDR'S NOT RECEIVED" APPEALS.

3. WE ALSO REQUEST USDOC TO RESPOND TO OUR REPEATED SUGGESTION THAT WE BE SUPPLIED WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF SYRIAN FIRMS ON WHICH WTDRS ARE NEEDED. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT: THE BUSINESS STATIONERY ON WHICH SYRIAN FIRMS CORRESPOND WITH OVERSEAS COMPANIES ALMOST ALWAYS CARRY THE TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE LETTERHEAD. SYRIAN MAILS ARE UNCERTAIN, AND OUR MAILED QUESTIONNAIRES SOMETIMES FAIL TO ARRIVE. WE HAVE NO OTHER WAY TO FOLLOW UP ON A WTDR REQUEST, ESPECIALLY IF THE LOCAL FIRM IS UNKNOWN TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FURTHERMORE, IN THIS BUSINESS AND POLITICAL CLIMATE. A PERSONAL VISIT BY THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER OR FSL COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST IS OFTEN NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE WTDR FORM. SUPPLYING US WITH THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF FIRMS ON WHICH WTDR'S ARE REQUESTED WOULD HELP US RESPOND MORE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. MURPHY

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